

**1038(f) Exemptions**

f) On parcels of 20 acres or less in size within the Lake Tahoe Basin, that are not part of a larger parcel of land in the same ownership, the removal of dead or dying, (regardless of the definition of "dying trees" in section 895.1, dying means: will be dead within 1 year, based on the judgement of an RPF) trees as marked by an RPF and for which a Tahoe Basin Tree Removal Permit has been issued, when the following conditions are met:

(1) Tree removal on high erosion hazard lands (Bailey's Land Capability Districts 1a, 1c, or 2 per Land Capability Classification of the Lake Tahoe Basin, California-Nevada: A Guide for Planning by R.G. Bailey, USDA Forest Service, 1974) shall only be conducted using the following methods: helicopter, over-snow where no soil disturbance occurs, hand carry, and use of existing roads.

(2) Tree removal in Stream Environment Zones ("SEZs," Bailey's Land Capability District 1b) shall be permitted as in the preceding section (f)(1). End-lining may also be used provided that soils are dry, all heavy equipment remains outside the SEZ, and site conditions are such that soils or vegetation will not be adversely affected and a discharge of earthen materials to surface waters, SEZs, or 100-year floodplains will not occur.

(3) No tractor or heavy equipment (ground-based) operations on slopes greater than 30% except over-snow operations that result in no soil disturbance.

(4) No heavy equipment operations within the standard width of a watercourse or lake protection zone (WLPZ), as defined in 14 CCR 956.4(b), except for use or maintenance of existing roads, maintenance of drainage facilities or structures, or use of skid crossings approved pursuant to (f)(9) below.

(5) No new road construction or reconstruction, as defined in 14 CCR 895.1.

(6) No tractor or heavy equipment operations on known slides or unstable areas.

(7) No timber harvesting within the standard width of a watercourse or lake protection zone, as defined in 14 CCR 956.4(b), except sanitation-salvage harvesting, as defined in 14 CCR 953.3, where immediately after completion of operations, the area shall meet the stocking standards of 14 CCR 952.7(b)(2), or, except the removal of dead or dying trees where consistent with 14 CCR 956.4(b). Trees to be harvested shall be marked by, or under the supervision of, an RPF prior to timber operations.

(8) All Class III watercourses shall have at least a 25-foot WLPZ.

(9) No watercourse crossings of Class I or Class II watercourses except on existing bridges or existing culvert crossings. Any and all crossings proposed for Class III or Class IV watercourses shall be approved by staff of the Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) prior to operations.

(10) No known sites of rare, threatened or endangered plants or animals will be disturbed, threatened or damaged.

(11) No timber operations within the buffer zone of a sensitive species, as defined in 14 CCR 895.1.

(12) No timber operations on historical or archaeological sites. Information on some of these sites may be available from the Information Centers of the California Historical Resources Information System within the Department of Parks and Recreation.

(13) The landowner shall allow access to the property for inspections by staff of the RWQCB.

(14) A person shall comply with all operational provisions of the Forest Practice Act and District Forest Rules applicable to "Timber Harvest Plan", "THP", and "plan".

~~(15) Subsection (f) shall expire December 31, 2002.~~

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 4551, 4553 and 4584 Public Resources Code. Reference: Sections 4527 and 4584, Public Resources Code. *EPIC v. California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection and Board of Forestry* (1996) 43 Cal. App.4th 1011.